

APRIL 25 AND MAY 2, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

The church is currently closed

**Fr. Will be saying Mass for your intentions
as requested.**

Wednesday April 28 - 9:00 am -Alex Pelusi

**Friday April 30 – 9:00 am – Georgina & Robert
Fogarty**

**Saturday May 1 – 5:00 pm – Roger Settimi,
Frank McCarvell, Fernando & Fiorina Mastroianni**

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

-April 26-May 1

MON - Rev. William Trusz

TUE - Rev. David Reotze;

WED – Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of
Zagreb

THU – Rev. Patras Samuel Masih

FRI - Rev. Marius Durbajlo

SAT – Rev. Claude Perera

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FOR YOUR ON GOING GENEROSITY**

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Meditation for Sunday April 25

1 John 3:1-2

We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

What a marvelous promise!

John is telling us that when we see Jesus in heaven, “as he is,” we will be transformed (1John 3:2) That vision of Christ will have such a powerful effect on us that all of the sinful tendencies we have accumulated over the years will be no more, and we will become like him. All our selfishness, our pride, our lusts, and our pettiness will melt away.

But what is it about seeing Jesus that brings about such a change? After all, his three closest disciples – including John himself - saw Jesus’ heavenly glory at the transfiguration, but it didn’t have as powerful an effect on them. They still had a lot of changing to do (Mark 9:2-12)

The difference is that in heaven we will see Jesus as he is after his death and resurrection. We’ll see him as the “Lamb” who was “slain” for us and who bears the marks of his death as emblems of his love (Revelation 5:6). And not only will we see the evidence of Jesus’ love, but we’ll be enveloped in it.

The world has never seen a love as complete and pure as the love Jesus has for us. There is no self-interest in it. There is no ulterior motive. There are no conditions. There is only love; pure and strong and merciful. And where there is love like this, there is no room for sin of any kind.

That’s what the future holds. But this vision isn’t limited to the day we stand before Jesus in heaven. We can “see” him every single day: in our prayer, in the Scriptures, and in the people and the world around us.

And most powerfully, we can see him – and receive him – at every Mass: the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

So come and behold Jesus today Come and see him with the eyes of your heart and let what you see make you a little more like him.

*“Jesus, open my eyes to see you and my heart to
welcome your today”*

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Wednesday May 5- 9:00 am – Sonya Taggart

Friday May 7 (First Friday) – 9:00 am –
Frank Duffy

Saturday May 8 – 5pm – Alex MacDonald,
Frank McCarvell, deceased members of Mary &
Vincent Downey and family

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR -May 3-8

MON - Rev. David Reilander

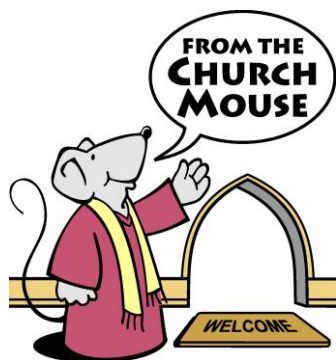
TUE - Rev. David Weise

WED – Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

THU - Rev. Tom Moisan

FRI - Rev. Leszek Szczygiel

SA - Rev. Pablito Labado



Two church mice died and made their way to heaven. Hearing their squeak, St. Peter opened the gate and asked: “what can I do for you?” “Well,;” they explained, “we worked in the church all our

lives. We’re church mice.”

At first St. Peter hesitated but he finally told them to come in. The eyes of the little fellows bulged at the size and grandeur of everything. How would they ever get around in such a big place? They decided to ask St. Peter for two pairs of skates. The genial saint agreed and in a short time the two were off to see the sights.

Meanwhile a cat died and meowed at heaven’s gate. He told St. Peter. “I am a rectory cat. I’ve been faithful to my pastor all my life.” So the keeper of the pearly gates let him in. The cat said he was hungry to St. Peter told him: ”there’s plenty of food around. Just help yourself.”

In no time at all the cat was back, licking his lips. “Well,” asked St. Peter, “what did you have to eat?” With a grin the cat replied: “Two meals on wheels.”

Meditation for Sunday May 2 Acts 9:26-31

He tried to join the disciples.

There’s a lot of adventure in today’s first reading, isn’t here? Paul, fresh from escaping death threats in Damascus, arrives in Jerusalem, where he faces suspicion from Christians and an attempted murder from some Greek-speaking Jews.

Why so much drama? Quite possible. God was using all this upheaval to “prune” Paul, to further purify him from remnants of his old life (John15:1-3)

We are so used to talking about the saints as if their holiness were a give, but that’s rarely the case. For many of them, the road to holiness was as long and winding as it is for many of us. After all, we know what Paul had a strong, assertive personality. Humility doesn’t always come easily!

By his own admission, Paul was “arrogant man” before his conversion (1Timothy 1:13). You can imagine how some of that arrogance might still have been present as he tried to convert people. Maybe the man who had once spend his life “breathing murderous threats” against Christians still needed to learn Jesus’ teaching about being poor in spirit (Acts 9:1). So its’ possible that God was using the chaos Paul encountered in Jerusalem to help him examine his heart and see where he still needed to change

Anyone who has lived more that a few decades will tell you how valuable it is to be pruned by the Lord. They probably didn’t enjoy it at the time, but looking back, they could appreciate the fruit of such pruning. Coming face-to-face with our selfishness or arrogance or resentments can move us to turn to Jesus and ask him to pur8ify us and set us free.

So let Jesus prune you from time to time. He promises that if you do, you will bear “more fruit” (John15:2). You’ll become more like him, just as Paul did.

“Jesus, you are a wise and gently gardener. Keep pruning me so that I can become more like you.”